

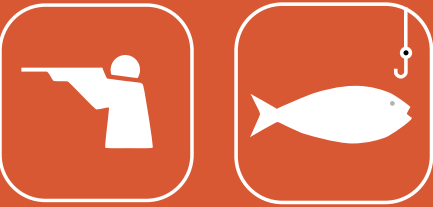


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## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Tensas River

## National Wildlife Refuge Hunting and Fishing Regulations 2000-2001




**THIS IS AN ANNUAL PERMIT.**  
To save tax dollars, please use this  
permit for the entire season.

### 2000-2001 Hunting and Fishing Permit\*

When signed and in your possession, this portion of the brochure will serve as your permit for all refuge hunts, except those requiring limited permits, and acknowledges your understanding of the regulations contained herein.

Signature (Permits are **not** transferable)

\*Not valid for limited permit deer hunts.

  
George Chandler, Refuge Manager

### Specific Hunting Regulations

State bag limits apply unless otherwise specified. The only seasons open are listed in this pamphlet.

All hunting is permitted refuge-wide except in designated closed areas, (see map), or as otherwise stated under specific regulations.

Migratory bird and small game hunting is prohibited during refuge gun hunts for deer.

Any hunter under 16 years of age must possess proof of completion of an approved Hunter Safety Course and be accompanied at all times by an adult 21 or older. Each adult can supervise only one youth.

Hunters using shotguns to hunt small game on the refuge are required to use approved non-toxic shot.

Hunter orange vest and cap are required to be worn by all hunters during deer gun season and is recommended whenever hunting on the refuge.

Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 4:00 am and must exit the refuge no later than 2 hours after sunset unless otherwise specified.

**All deer taken on general gun hunts must be checked daily at a manned check station. All other game taken must be checked after each hunt at self-clearing check stations before leaving refuge.**

You are authorized to take only the species listed on your permit. Harming or needlessly disturbing any plants or other wildlife is a violation of refuge regulations.

**Attention Archers:** Bowhunters are required to possess proof of completion of the International Bowhunters Education Program to bowhunt on Tensas River NWR.

### Specific Fishing and Frogging Regulations

State creel limits apply.

No taking of shells or turtles without permit.

No commercial fishing without permit.

Must be attached with a length of cotton line that extends into the water.

Must be tended at least once every 24 hours and reset when exposed by receding waters.

Must be removed when not in use.

Only cotton limb lines are permitted.

Only electric motors are allowed in refuge lakes.

Open only on Tensas River according to State regulations.

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Route 2, Box 295  
Tallulah, Louisiana 71282  
318/574 2664

### Items of special concern:

Due to special youth program, there will be no hunting within 200 yards of the closed area located in the Judd Brake Unit near the refuge headquarters on December 27, 28, 2000.

All game taken on the refuge must be reported either at a manned check station (deer gun hunts) or at a self clearing check station. These harvest records are vital to the management of the resource. Please help us to better manage your refuge by reporting your game after each and every hunt.

Only 1 deer per day may be taken during any deer hunt.

Permits are required for all hunters 16 years and older. When signed and in your possession, the cover section of this brochure serves as your permit for all refuge hunts except those requiring limited permits, and acknowledges your understanding of the regulations contained herein.

**General Regulations**  
Hunting and fishing regulations are designed to protect the sportsman and wildlife populations. The regulations below supplement the general regulations which govern hunting on national wildlife refuges as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. Hunting will be in accordance with applicable State regulations subject to the following conditions.

Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1980 is located in the Tensas River Basin in northeastern Louisiana. The refuge is composed of extensive bottomland hardwood swamps. Due to the refuge's tremendous diversity of lands and waters it has long been noted for its large populations of waterfowl, songbirds and mammals including several game species. Public hunting and fishing is permitted on the refuge during specific times of the year.

All motor vehicles are restricted to normal passenger vehicle roads. Roads and trails may be closed to vehicle use due to adverse conditions. ATV's are restricted to designated ATV trails. Only ATV's with a maximum tire pressure of 5 PSI are permitted and an ATV permit is required. ATV permits are available at the refuge

headquarters or through the mail for a fee of \$10.00 (Money Order or Cashiers Check only). ATV permit must be applied directly to the ATV for which it was purchased. ATV trails are open from September 15 through the last day of archery season. The Rainey

Hunters with disabilities must possess a Disabled Hunter Permit issued by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. State regulations and access conditions apply. Firearms carried in vehicles or boats on the refuge must be unloaded **AND** encased or dismantled. Firearms transported on all-terrain vehicles (ATV) must be unloaded. Loaded is defined as shells in gun or caps on muzzleloader. Firearms are permitted on the refuge only during the refuge hunting season. The possession of slugs or rifle and pistol ammunition larger than .22 caliber rimfire is permitted only during the refuge hunts for deer. Possession of buckshot is prohibited.

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Parking or hunting within 100 feet of any active oil well site, production facility or equipment

Spot-lighting

Hunting within 100 feet of any public road/ATV trail or designated hiking trail

Baiting or hunting over bait

Target practice

Taking of wildlife or plants other than specified in refuge regulations

Off road riding of horses or mules except as noted under raccoon regulations

Trapping

Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting

Camping/overnight parking

Littering

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Marking trails with tape, ribbons, paper, paint, etc.

ATV travel on refuge roads

Report Game Here



This sign marks the location of a self-clearing check station. All game must be checked out before leaving the refuge.

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2000-2001 Hunting Seasons

Type	Season Dates	Specific Regulations
Deer-Archery Either sex	Oct. 28, 2000-Jan, 31, 2001	Closed during Youth Hunt and General Gun Hunts. Possession/use of pods or firearms prohibited.
Deer-Youth Either sex	Nov. 4-5, 2000	Each youth must be 8-15 years old. Open refuge wide. Use and/or possession of buckshot is prohibited.
Deer-General Gun Hunts Either sex	Nov. 24-25, 2000 Dec. 9-10, 2000	Limited Permit-(Both hunts). One deer per day. Use and/or possession of buckshot is prohibited. Hunting in and shooting into or across an open field is prohibited.
Deer-Muzzleloader Either sex	Nov. 27-Dec. 1, 2000	State Muzzleloader regulations apply “In-line” muzzleloaders are allowed. Hunting in and shooting into or across an open field with a muzzleloader is prohibited.
Turkey	to be announced at later date	Limit 2 bearded turkeys per season.
Squirrel & Rabbit (no dogs)	Oct. 7-Dec. 8, 2000	Closed during Youth and General Gun hunts for deer. Approved non-toxic shot required.
Squirrel & Rabbit (with or without dogs)	Dec. 11, 2000 - Feb. 11, 2001	Approved non-toxic shot required.
Raccoon	Dec. 11, 2000 -Feb. 11, 2001	Non-toxic shot required. No bag limit. Horses and mules allowed sunset to sunrise.
Woodcock	State Season	Approved, non-toxic shot required.
Hogs	Open	During Squirrel, Rabbit and archery season. Daylight hours only. No dogs allowed for hunting hogs.
Hogs	Closed	During youth hunts, general gun hunts, and Muzzleloader hunts. No dogs allowed for hunting hogs.
Ducks and Coots	Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays until noon during state season	Hunting permitted refuge wide EXCEPT in areas designated “No Waterfowl Hunting” on the map in this brochure. Constructing or hunting from permanent blinds prohibited. Portable blinds and decoys must be removed daily. Approved non-toxic shot required. Possession of lead shot prohibited.

**Note: ALL game must be checked at a check station after each hunt before you leave the refuge!**

Volunteers are needed at Tensas. Stop by the Visitor Center or call 318/574-2664 for more information.

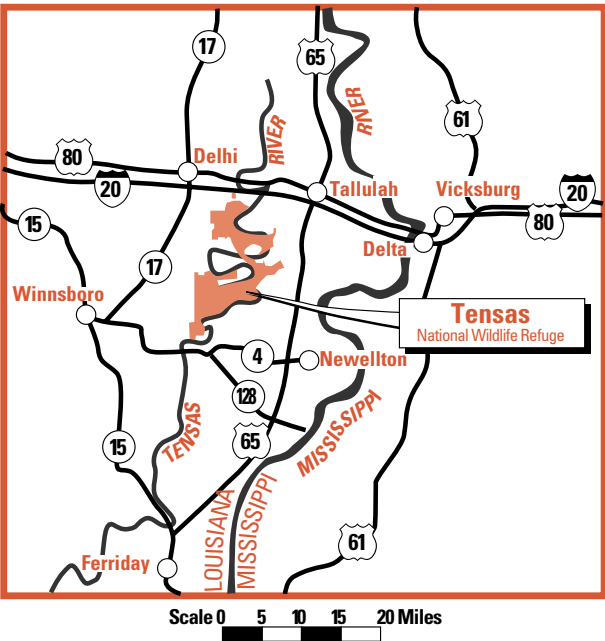
Help us to improve hunting on Tensas. Report violations and respect others at all times.

Black Bears are Protected!

A study of these mammals is underway on the refuge. Please report any bear sightings to refuge personnel.

ATV Permits

To assist in ATV trail maintenance, an ATV user permit is required and must be permanently affixed to all ATV’s used on the refuge. The permit may be purchased at the refuge headquarters (Monday - Friday) or by mail by providing your name and complete mailing address along with \$10.00 money order or cashiers check made payable to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Permits are issued on an annual basis and no cash or personal checks are accepted.



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